

TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1-3 and 15-19 without disclaimer or prejudice to Applicant's right to pursue the subject matter of these claims in future continuation applications.

1-13. (Cancelled)

14. (Previously amended) A method for identifying a gene associated with a detectable phenotype in fungi, characterized in that it comprises the following steps:

- (a) insertion mutants are prepared by inserting an *Impala* transposon into the genome of said fungi;
- (b) at least one insertion mutant with said detectable phenotype is selected;
- (c) the gene into which, or close to which, the *Impala* transposon has inserted

is isolated.

15-19. (Cancelled)